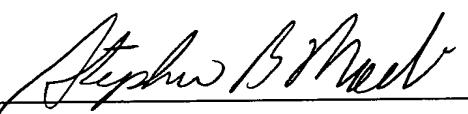


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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

6. (Amended) The use of a sequence as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 3 and 5] claim 1, for identifying fragments of the sequence SEQ ID No. 1 which allows the expression of a gene of interest in the tissues of a plant, except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed.

7. (Amended) An expression cassette, characterized in that it comprises a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence as claimed in [one of claims 1 to 3 and 5] claim 1.

12. (Amended) A vector comprising an expression cassette as claimed in [one of claims 7 to 10] claim 7.

13. (Amended) A plant cell transformed with a cassette as claimed in [one of claims 7 to 10] claim 7 or a vector [as claimed in claim 12] comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence.

14. (Amended) A plant transformation kit comprising a cassette as claimed in [one of claims 7 to 10] claim 7 or a vector [as claimed in claim 12] comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence.

15. (Amended) A method for preparing transgenic plants in which a gene of interest is expressed in all the tissues except in the maturing seed and in the dry seed, characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

a) transferring a cassette as claimed in [one of claims 7 to 10] claim 7 or a vector [as claimed in claim 12] comprising an expression cassette comprising a sequence of interest fused to a sequence comprising a promoter sequence into plant cells,

b) culturing the transformed cells obtained in step a) so as to obtain said transgenic plants.

17. (Amended) The method as claimed in [either of claims 15 and 16] claim 15, characterized in that the transfer is carried out using Agrobacterium, preferably Agrobacterium.tumefaciens.

18. (Amended) A transgenic plant which can be obtained by carrying out the method as claimed in [one of claims 15 to 17] claim 15.

23. (Amended) The plant as claimed in [one of claims 18 to 22] claim 18, characterized in that it is chosen in particular from rapeseed, crucifers, maize, soybean, wheat, sunflower, pea, ornamental plants, and trees.

24. (Amended) A seed obtained from a transgenic plant as claimed in [one of claims 18 to 23] claim 18, characterized in that it does not contain the product of expression of the transgene.